

LITTLE CHESTER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Footway Improvement Funding

Do you have any problems with the local footways?

Darley Neighbourhood Board made up of Darley Ward residents, Ward Councillors and community group representatives is making 'Footway Improvement' its Local Transport Priority (LTP) for 2018/19.

If you are experiencing problems in Chester Green as a pedestrian e.g. lack of dropped kerbs, please let me know, and I will take the issues to the Neighbourhood Board.

A list of suggestions from across the Ward will be considered and a decision will be made by the Board in March as to which schemes can be implemented from the available LTP funding.

andrew.meehan3@btinternet.com ; 01332 298079

Office Development Traffic Concerns

A planning application (03/17/00368) has been submitted to build two office blocks on the former Tomlinson's site on City Rd. The offices would have a potential capacity for 260 workers and on site parking capacity for 42 cars.

The applicant's Highways Impact report forecasts there would be 15 vehicle arrivals to the site during the morning rush hour (0800 to 0900 Hrs) and 21 vehicle departures from the site in the evening rush hour (1700 to 1800 Hrs).

On the basis that the site is located close to the City Centre and bus services, there is a resident parking scheme in Chester Green, and there is an obligation to restrict workplace parking capacity, the Council's Highways department have no objections to the proposal.

The LCRA have expressed serious concerns in a letter to Paul Clarke, the Council's Head of Planning, that the availability nearby, of 200 free unrestricted parking spaces in Council car parks on City Rd and Darley Playing Fields would result in hundreds of commuter vehicle trips daily, along City Rd and Old Chester Rd. This in turn would increase air pollution, congestion, noise and accident risk.

A suggestion was proposed that should the Council approve the application, they impose a planning condition to restrict the parking times on the nearby Council car parks, to prevent all day commuters parking whilst enabling short term parking by Park users.

Paul Clarke has responded to say he has no technical objections on the grounds of concern that we have raised and he believes that the placing of a condition on the nearby Council car parks would be in breach of the Council's planning powers. Our concerns have been reiterated to Councillors Repton and Eldret at a recent Neighbourhood Board meeting.

Andrew Meehan

To contact Little Chester Residents' Association or submit an article for the News Letter please see our web-site: <http://www.littlechester.org.uk> or telephone Andrew Meehan on 298079

☺ Smile ☺



**Why did the ant run around the top of the biscuit tin?
Because he wanted to tear along the dotted line**



Chester Group News

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 16th February

*At the Community Centre, Darley Fields, Off
Old Chester Road*

Chester Green's resident Quiz Master Rhian

Admission £2.50 per person (ideally 4 in a team), .

Doors open 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start, so come in time to get your drinks in. and prepare for a "brain teasing" evening - you don't have to be a member to take part!

Anyone for Cricket?

We are home to a fantastic health amenity which is soon to be returned to us, and that is the Parker's Piece Cricket Ground off City Rd.

Soon we might be relaxing sipping cold drinks while village cricket fills sunny afternoons. Personally I can't wait.

BUT cricket is more than blokes wearing white - cricket is being unleashed according to the Derbyshire Cricket Board and there is a chance for women, boys and girls also to have fun playing cricket.

There will be progression opportunities for children 5-16 to be spotted and pointed towards the professional game; there will be opportunities for forming a women's group - sometimes called the Prosecco Game!

Playing cricket will be an opportunity to enjoy regular social interactions, getting fit and having fun.

We are putting together a proposal which will demonstrate the interest in developing cricket again on the cricket ground. Please contact me, Caroline Astell-Burt. castellburt@hotmail.com

Let me know if you are interested:

- ☞ as a player,
- ☞ or organiser,
- ☞ interested in a women's game
- ☞ if you have played before.
- ☞ Tell me how important fitness is to you :
- ☞ as an individual
- ☞ or your friends and family.
- ☞ Do you have children? Would you be interested in them playing children's cricket mid week, after school?



Chester Green Community Group

After a couple of months' break we were hoping to have a Family Disco in February but unfortunately this will have to wait until March so watch this space!

If anyone feels they would like to help out by DJ'ing/organising games occasionally please contact Julie on 07527 603057 or email chestergreencommunitygroup@hotmail.com - you would be made very welcome.

Don't forget you can hire the Community Centre for your own event or party by getting in touch as above; local residents and Community Group members receive a discount on the hourly rate. Follow us on Facebook or see our website for our weekly timetable.

<http://www.chestergreencommunitygroup.yolasite.com/>

St Paul's Church Chester Green

<http://www.stpaulschestergreen.org/>

Feb 4th	10.00am	Soul Breakfast
Feb 11th	10.00pm	Holy Communion
Feb 18th	10.00am	Soul Sanctuary
Feb 25th	10.00am	Contemplative Communion

Everyone very welcome! We have activities for Children at all of our services

Want to Sponsor a Nesting Box?

How would you like to watch a pair of birds nest, have chicks, feed them and see them take their first tentative steps towards flying to freedom from your very own nesting box? The Residents Association are offering to supply and fix a nesting box to a tree of your choice for only £6.00.

For further information please contact Adrian on 07757 923 873.

Coach and Horses Christmas Prize Draw

Many thanks to all of you who contributed in any way to the Christmas Prize Draw at the Coach and Horses, whether by donating prizes or buying squares, or both in many cases!

The very pleasing sum of £342 (and 69pence!) was raised, which will be divided between Derby Macmillan and Derby Red Cross, both worthwhile causes.

Thank you

Hazel the Hedgehog

I am looking after just one Chester Green hoglet over the winter. She was found near John Lombe Drive one freezing cold night at the end of November. A woman called Hazel rescued her. At only 300g she might not have survived many more nights. She now weighs nearly 700g and will be released soon. So if you see a well-fed hedgehog in March it might be Hazel (named after her rescuer).



Sallyanne 381315 mail@sallyanne111.plus.com

Flood Defence Drop In Information Session

Wednesday 28th February 2018

Parkland View,

Bath Street,

4.00pm - 7.00pm

Over the next few weeks we should expect to see . .

- City Road / Parkers Piece. Drilling and fixing will commence in preparation for installation of the glass panels.
- Concreting will commence for the installation of the flood gate at the south end of Darley Fields. The footpath will be returned to its original line.
- Work will continue with in-filling the access gaps in the flood wall.



(Information provided by OCOR Flood Defence Project)

Little Chester Local History Group.

A very Happy New Year to all of our members.

Come and join us for our first meeting of 2018 on Thursday February 15th at 7.30pm in Chester Green Community Centre, Old Chester Road, Derby when Rita Bailey will talk to us about '**Derby Derwent Isolation Hospital and its History**' Everyone welcome. Admission non-members £2

For further information Tel. 01332 559615. We look forward to seeing you.



Chester Green Entertainments

A massive "thank you" to all who took part in the second Chester Green Christmas Window Trail. The whole area sparkled!!

Many people enjoyed walking the trail and we had lots of maps handed in showing the location of the Christmas Pud! The winner, picked at random, was Madelaine of Mansfield Road and a £10 Intu voucher is already winging its way to her.

There will be several events over the next few months to raise funds for this year's Picnic on the Green - its only 6 months away!!

Julie - Chester Green Entertainments Committee

What exactly IS a New Year's Resolution Mummy?



A list of things you do in the first few days in January dear.